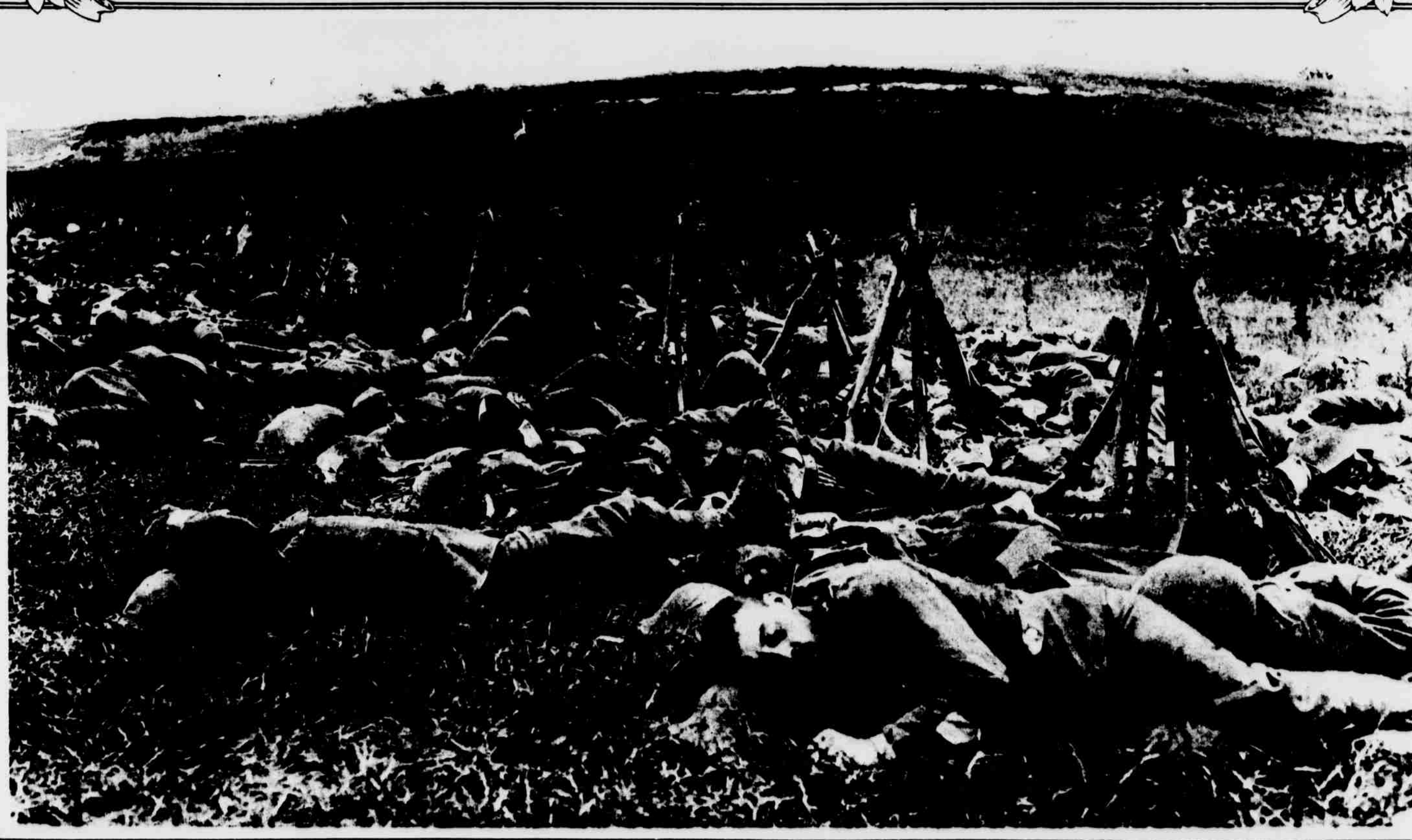


"THE DREAM" OF 1870 BECOMES THE REALITY OF 1916

Famous Painting of the Franco-Prussian War Accidentally Reproduced in an Unposed Photograph on the Somme Front



"La Reve," the French soldier's dream of victory that failed to come true in the disastrous years of 1870-71. This famous painting by Edouard Detaille is one of the treasures of the Luxembourg gallery in Paris and formed part of the French art exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.



After more than forty years the dream has come true on the Marne, on the Yser, in Champagne, at Verdun and on many other fields. But it was with no thought of posing as a painting that the Warwickshire regiment of France's British allies on the Somme dropped to the ground to snatch a few winks of sleep while waiting the order to charge. Photo by Central News Photo Service